

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1, 4-8 and 11-15 are pending in the application.

Claims 1, 4, 6-8, 11 and 13-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Olkkonen et al. (US 2005/0088980 A1) in view of Rune et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,901,057).

Claims 5 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Olkkonen et al. in view of Rune et al. and further in view of Muthuswamy et al. (US 2004/0204151 A1).

Claim Amendments

In the Amendment, Applicant deleted “out of the peripheral devices” from claims 1 and 8, and added “not attempting a connection to undesired devices” to claim 1 and “not attempting a connection to devices to which the user does not want to connect” to claims 8 and 15, respectively, to distinguish the claimed invention from the cited references. These claim amendments are clearly supported by the description of paragraph [0050] to [0056] of the specification. No new matter has been introduced.

Applicant also respectfully submits that the claim amendments should be entered, because the Examiner already considered the newly added limitations before issuing the final Office Action, and therefore they do not raise any new issues that would require further consideration and/or search by the Examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has maintained the position in rejecting claims 1, 8 and 15 asserting that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to incorporate the teaching of Rune et al. into Olkkonen et al. in order to carry the information for transmitting the data between the master and slave in the piconet (page 4 of the Office Action).

Currently presented claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, “a control unit for providing, through the user interface, information on the peripheral devices connectable to a wireless communication device, and, if said at least one desired device is selected through the user interface, establishing a connection to only said at least one desired device, and not attempting a connection to undesired devices.”

Rune et al., which is a newly cited reference in this Office Action, appears to disclose the “use of two bits of undefined field and three bits of AM_ADDR field in a FHS packet,” for defining the status of a responding unit including an information indicating whether a sending unit is a slave unit in at least one piconet (col. 9, line 18 to col. 11, line 47, Table 1, and Fig. 4 of Rune et al.).

However, neither Olkkonen et al. nor Rune et al. teaches or suggests “a control unit for providing, through the user interface, information on the peripheral devices connectable to a wireless communication device, and, if said at least one desired device is selected through the user interface, establishing a connection to only said at least one desired device, and not attempting a connection to undesired devices,” as recited in claim 1.

Accordingly, it would not have been obvious for a person of ordinary skill in the art to reach the invention described in claim 1 even by combining Olkkonen et al. and Rune et al.

For similar reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 8 and 15 are patentable over Olkkonen et al. in view of Rune et al.

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 4, 6, 7, 11, 13 and 14 are also patentable over Olkkonen et al. in view of Rune et al. at least because of their dependency from the independent claims 1 and 8.

With respect to the rejection of claims 5 and 12, as discussed above, neither Olkkonen et al. nor Rune et al. teaches or suggests the technical features recited in claims 1 and 8, and Muthuswamy et al. does not remedy the deficiency of Olkkonen et al. and Rune et al.

Accordingly, it would not have been obvious for a person of ordinary skill in the art to reach the invention described in claims 1 and 8 even by combining Olkkonen et al., Rune et al. and Muthuswamy et al., and therefore claims 5 and 12 are patentable over Olkkonen et al. in view of Rune et al. and further in view of Muthuswamy et al. at least because of their dependency from the independent claims 1 and 8.

Conclusion

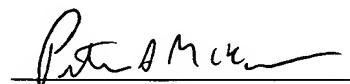
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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